Platform of Guindy Railway Station

1899. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the stage of the proposal to lengthen the platform at Guindy Railway Station to accommodate the stopping of the express trains arriving Chennai from the South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Guindy is a suburban station on Chennai Egmore-Tambaram section of Chennai division. At present only Electric Multiple Unit trains/fast locals and two fast passenger trains stop at Guindy station. Existing length of platform is sufficient for these trains. However, a proposal to lengthen the platform at Guindy Railway station has been included for consideration in Works Programme 2007-08.

Mehsana-Patan and Ahmedabad-Botad railway lines

1900. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Gujarat for making adequate budgetary provision for conversion/taking up of certain lines for upgradation to broad gauge;

(b) if so, the number of projects which have been approved by the Central Government; and

(c) what is the present status of Mehsana-Patan and Ahmedabad-Botad railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharuch-Samni-Dahej gauge conversion.

(c) On Mahesana-Patan section, 4 out of 9 nos. major bridges and 3 out of 37 nos. minor bridges have already been rebuilt. Tenders for ballast supply and earthwork have been processed.

Survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Botad section is in advance stage of completion.